Autumn 1 Term 2025

Headteacher's Termly Newsletter

Update from the Headteacher

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year with the children making excellent progress in their learning during the 8 weeks since they joined their new classes. They are producing such high quality work which I hope you got to see as part of our parent/carer and teacher meetings this week. If you didn't get to attend, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to meet you at a more convenient time.

Please enjoy reading just some of our highlights below and on behalf of everyone at Outwood I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a lovely half term break.

PTA News!



We are very lucky to have such a proactive PTA. I would like to thank them for their continued hard work in raising funds for the school whilst providing exciting events for our children such as the Spooky Disco this week which was a huge success! At a time when so many families are struggling we value any support that can be offered no matter how small. This could be by giving some of your time or sharing ideas. If you are interested in joining the PTA please contact outwoodprimarypta@gmail.com.

OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We care, we learn, we grow

A few highlights and some key information…



A special invite

On Tuesday, a group of school and eco councillors visited Manchester Airport's AeroZone education centre, marking 10,000 visitors to the facility since it was officially opened by Andy Burnham back in 2022. We were the only school to be invited to mark this important event as it was a group of pupils from Outwood who visited on that day, so there is a special significance! Some of the children were there for the opening and they gave an brilliant interview recalling their experience.

Harvest

As a school we are very aware of the cost of living crisis that is affecting so many of us. Therefore, we are trying to reduce the amount we ask of you. Every year we celebrate Harvest and usually we ask for a donation of food that we will donate to a worthy cause on your behalf. This year we are not asking for a food donation and instead providing you with the details of Stockport's Foodbank for you to donate to if you wish below:
https://stockport.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Attendance



Total attendance for the school year so far is 94.1%.
Our target is 96%

The class attendance figures this year are:
EYFS: 93.2%
Year 1: 96.7%
Year 2: 92%
Year 3: 94.3%
Year 4: 92.5%
Year 5: 96.4%
Year 6: 96%

Welcome!

Since September we have welcomed Mr Hill who is settling well into his new role as our new Year 1 teacher. We have also welcomed Mr Kidd as our new site supervisor. He really has a wealth of experience that he is bringing to the school and has got off to a great start!

Continuing electrical works!

Over the summerbreak one half of the school had a whole electrical rewire completed. This is council led work which will take up to one year in total. All work will happen during school holidays therefore there should be no disruption to the school's normal practice. However, we will be unable to offer any holiday clubs in school until the whole work is completed. Cycle Buddy's will still be offering their cycling lessons on our playground, please see https://www.cycle-buddie.co.uk/.

Year 2 visit the mosque

Yesterday I was lucky enough to join the Year 2 class on their trip to the CMA. It was a great trip as part of their R.E lessons and the staff there made us feel very welcome. This is just one of the many trips we have planned in our local community this year. We are very grateful for the wealth of experiences our children can experience on our doorstep!

What has been happening this term…

In EYFS



The children have really been developing their love of reading! They enjoyed meeting some real authors and acting out the stories. The school's new reading ambassadors have really impressed the children with their story telling skills in weekly story telling sessions.



In Year 1



The children have had so much fun in the great outdoors!

They have been creating safe and cosy dens for any hedgehogs that might find their way into our forest school. They also shared the story 'Not a Stick' by Antoinette Portis which inspired them to find their own sticks and imagine what they could be. Then they went on a bug hunt, searching high and low for insects followed by a colour hunt. The children were tasked with finding something green, something brown and something bright.



Year 2



The children have been learning how to play the ukulele in music lessons.
In English, the children enjoyed using their senses to explore the forest area. They pretended to be Little Red Reading Hood from their story. Luckily, they did not encounter the big bad wolf!!



Year 3

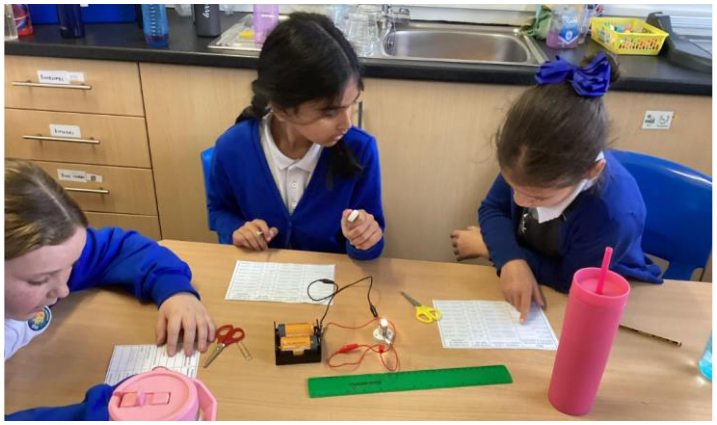




The children have had a fabulous time building Neolithic villages as part of their history work. They collected their own resources to make them even more realistic too.
This term on Thursday afternoons the children have been taking on a mini project challenge. This has included creating ancient mysterious monuments inspired by Stonehenge. Such creative ideas, well done Year 3!

Year 4

The children have loved their science lessons where they have been learning about circuits, conductors and insulators.
In English they have been looking at recounts and the children did some DEAL (Drama, Engagement & Active Learning) to get into character in preparation for writing. They also used dictionaries to order and check words.
We have been really impressed by the mythical stories that the children have published and how they have enjoyed reading each others stories too.





Year 5





Year 5 have been keeping active!

Some of our Year 5 children achieved their Level 2 Bikeability badge and certificate this term. The Bikeability team will be back in the summer term to train some more keen cyclists too. With the Stockport County coach the Year 5/6 girls had a great time at their first friendly football match against Bolshaw Primary School.

In our Humanities lessons we have been exploring the Anglo Saxon times – ask them about the Bayeaux Tapestry!!

Year 6



Year 6 have been really busy!

The Kingsway High School have been teaching the children how to play Flag Football which they have enjoyed.
They have also been having steel pan lessons with our specialist teacher and as a result the children have been performing for the school in our weekly celebration assemblies.
Year 6, as the role models for the school, have taken on many roles which involve working with children in all year groups. This includes becoming sports ambassadors which involved training at Aquinas College and becoming 'Buddies' with our reception children where they have been supporting them at lunchtimes.
The children have also enjoyed 'word class hunts' in English lessons where they had to find and decide which word class a particular word belonged to. The children enjoyed putting their theoretical knowledge into practice!



Notices – please read:

School times	The school doors open at 8.40 with the school day beginning at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.20pm – these times are the same for all classes.
Uniform	Details of our uniform policy are on the website at https://www.outwood.stockport.sch.uk/page/uniform/54545. Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.
No jewellery	No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E! If the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons otherwise children will be asked to remove them.
Absence from school	If your child is not in school, please phone us on the first day of absence to explain the reason on: 0161 4371715 and try to avoid appointments during the school day, if this cannot be avoided we will require a copy of the appointment card or letter. If we do not know why your child is in school this will be classed as an unauthorised absence which may lead to prosecution.
Naming of property and personal items	Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. We always have so much lost property that is unnamed which makes it very difficult to return to its owner. Together we need to encourage our children to take responsibility for their belongings.
Free School Meals	If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply on-line via SMBC's website for Free School Meals, even if your child is receiving a Universal Free School Meal (free meals provided for children in FS2, Year 1 & Year 2). School will then receive additional funding to help your child/children. Please ask at the school office for help and advice in this process.
Paid School Meals	The cost for school meals is £2.75 per day (£13.75 per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Therefore paid meal's are only from Year 3. The autumn term menu is on the school website.
Breakfast Club (Paid and Free provision)	Please don't forget that Outwood is the only school in Stockport offering free breakfast under the Government's new free breakfast club initiative. It opens at 8.15am and is proving to be popular with our families. You don't need to book, just come along! We are still be offering our paid breakfast club for those who need an earlier provision. This continues to be open from 7.30am at a cost of £4.50.
Asthma inhalers and prescription medicines	Please let us know immediately if your child is prescribed an inhaler. Please remember that school can only administer prescription medicines. These must be handed directly to the school office with a completed medical form.
Online reception place application deadline	A reminder to parents and carers that the deadline to apply for a reception class place in September 2026 is 15th January. This needs to be completed even if your child attends our school nursery. Visits ahead of this date can be arranged with the school office. Here is the link for applications: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/apply-for-a-school-place.
Site Safety	To ensure safety on the school grounds, we kindly ask that children and adults dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gate and not ride them in the playground. Also dogs are not permitted on the playground even if being held.
Healthy Snacks & Water Bottles	EYFS and KS1 continue to be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme. Therefore a snack does not need to be brought in from home for these children. The children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables or they can buy a snack from our healthy tuckshop. Please only send in a clear reusuable water bottle filled with water and not juice due to the affects of this on teeth.

School Communications & Office Systems Reminder

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents and carrers? See the list below for clarification:			
School Spider	School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information too. In addition to the website, you can also download the 'School Spider' app (select Outwood Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys. As a cashless school, we use School Spider's online payment system which can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.		If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address. Mrs Maude: headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Penwill (Mon-Tues School Business Manager) Mrs Schofield (Weds-Fri School Business Manager) businessmanager@outwood.stockport.sch.uk Mrs Moon Admininstration Officer: admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk
SchoolGrid	Our school meals are provided by TLC. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre- order your child's meals in advance and arrange payment directly to TLC where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.		Our Reception and Nursery children use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home. Parents and carers are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.
	This is how is or main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.		

Our Socials	
	Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school. This is where we showcase our children's amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up! Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary Instagram https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/

Outwood Primary School

Academic year dates 2026/2027

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School holiday

Bank holiday

Term time

In-service day for all staff - School closed to pupils

* Provisional dates awaiting governors ratification

DATE	Key events for Autumn term
OCTOBER	
24.10.25	School Closes Autumn Half Term
NOVEMBER	
3.11.25	School closed – INSET day
4.11.25	School reopens
4.11.25	Book club for Year 5 & 6
Sunday – 9.11.25	Outwood to lay wreath at Heald Green Remembrance Service
Week beginning 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week
11.11.25	Book Club for Year 3 & 4
12.11.25	Photographer in school to take individual photographs
13.11.25	No After school Club – Staff Training
14.11.25	Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew
14.11.25	Year 3 – Bee Smily Study
14.11.25	Children in Need
Week beginning 17.11.25	Road Safety Week
19.11.25	EYFS – Showcase Evening
20.11.25	Year 2 class trip to the Rochdale Fire Museum
28.11.25	EYFS Visit to St Catherine's Church
28.11.25 – 6.00pm 8.00pm	PTA – Festive Bingo
Sunday 30.11.25	Heald Green Christmas Market and Village Events
Week beginning 1.12.25	Assessment week
DECEMBER	
2.12.25 – 9.15am 9.45am	FS1 Nativity Performance
2.12.25	Book club for Year 5 & 6
3.12.25 – 2.30pm 3.00pm	FS1 Nativity Performance
8.12.25	KS2 – Trip to Pantomime
9.12.25	Book club for Year 3 & 4
10.12.25 – 2.00pm	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production
11.12.25 – 8.30am 9.15pm	Thumbs Up Thursday
11.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.25	Christmas Lunch Day
11.12.25 – 6.00pm	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production
Week beginning 15.12.25	End of term parties
16.12.25	KS2 Christmas carol concert at St Catherine's Church (10am start)
17.12.25	EYFS Christmas Party – parents invited 2.30pm – 3.15pm
18.12.25	Amazing Stephen – Xmas Show – EYFS & KS1
19.12.25	Christmas celebration assembly
19.12..25	School closes for Christmas Break